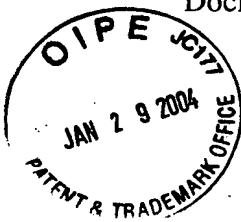


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In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification:** Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims:** The listing of claims with their current status begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** There are no amendments to the drawings in this paper.

**Remarks:** The "REMARKS" section begins on page 9 of this paper.